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UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT REGULATIONS ON RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCY OF PROGRAMMES OF STUDIES

No. 229729/GA-I-F1/2025/Admn. *30th October 2025.*

1.0 *Short Title*.—1.1 These regulations may be called 'Regulations on Recognition and Equivalency of programmes of study.

2.0 *Scope, Applicability and Commencement*.—2.1 These regulations include procedure for granting recognition and equivalency to programmes of study offered by academic institutions.

2.2 These regulations shall be applicable to programmes of study done by candidates in academic institutions within or outside the country

2.3 These regulations shall become effective from the date of approval by the Academic Council.

3.0 *Definitions*.—3.1 'Recognition' is the act of treating the programme of another academic institution inside or outside the country as having merit and quality.

3.2 'Equivalency' is the act of equating the degree of another academic institution in higher education inside or outside the country with the same or similar programme of the University and not to negatively discriminate such programme holders. Within the University, one programme of study may also be granted equivalency to another programme of study of the University. For example, B Com (Honours) has been equated to B Com Regular programme.

3.3 Eligibility' means the qualification of a person for admission to a prescribed programme of study or research in the University or for registration for examinations of the University for the first time, with reference to the qualifications possessed by the person and minimum qualifications prescribed in the Regulations of the University for the same. The eligibility is generally determined by the Board of Studies concerned.

3.4 'Academic Council' means the Academic Council of the University of Calicut.

3.5 Faculty means a Faculty of the University.

3.6 'Programme of study' means any academic programme approved by the appropriate academic bodies of the institutions of higher education with specific eligibility criteria of programme, duration of study and scheme of examinations.

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3.7 ‘University’ in these regulations means University of Calicut.

3.8 ‘State university’ means a government funded university founded on the basis of an Act of the State legislature, recognised by the UGC.

3.9 Central University' means a university founded on the basis of an Act of the Parliament, recognised by the UGC.

3.10 ‘Deemed University’ means an institution for higher education so declared, on the recommendation of the UGC, by the Central Government under Section 3 of the UGC Act.

3.11 ‘Private University’ means a university duly established through a State/Central Act by a sponsoring body viz. a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, or any other corresponding law for the time being in force in a State or a Public Trust or a Company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956.

3.12 Foreign University means a registered university existing outside the jurisdiction of the country and approved by the Association of Indian Universities.

3.13 ‘Academic institution’ means University, deemed to be University, or Private University or any other institution which is legally authorised to award Degree.

3.14 ‘Open and Distance Learning programme’ means a programme of study which uses mode of providing flexible learning opportunities by overcoming separation of teacher and learner using a variety of media, including print, electronic, online and occasional interactive face-to-face meetings with the presence of an Higher Educational Institution or Learner Support Services to deliver teaching-learning experiences, including practical or work experiences.

3.15 Title of the programme means the nomenclature of the programme like BA Economics, BSc Zoology, B.Com Finance, MSc Computer Science etc.

4.0 *Equivalency to Regular UG/PG programmes*.—4. 1 A regular programme of study of an academic institution shall be treated as equivalent to the programme of the University if the following conditions are met:

4.1.1 The programme of study is done in a State/Central/Deemed/Private University recognised by UGC in all aspects or Other Major Reputed Recognised National Institutions like Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institute of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) etc. The programmes of Foreign Universities recognised as equivalent by AIU will also be granted equivalency.

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4.1.2 The Nature of the programme is the same and the duration is the same or longer. However, in case of doubts regarding nature of the programmes, equivalency can be given based on the recommendations/remarks of the Chairpersons of the concerned Boards of Studies on the feasibility of issuance of Equivalency Certificate.

4.1.3 Equivalency shall be granted to B.Tech programmes with the corresponding B.Tech programmes conducted by this University during the corresponding period considering the same nomenclature and duration.

4.1.4 Equivalency shall be granted to the Integrated Programmes with the corresponding UG & PG programmes of this University, considering the nature and duration of the programme.

4.3 If the conditions are not met, then the matter may be referred to the Board of Studies concerned.

5.0 *Recognition to Regular UG/PG programmes.*—5.1 The recognition is granted to a programme of study of another academic institution if the following criteria are met:

5.1.1 The programme of study is done in a State/Central/Deemed/Private University recognised by UGC in all aspects or Other Major Reputed Recognised National Institutions like Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institute of Technology (NITS), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) etc. The programmes of Foreign Universities recognised as equivalent by AIU will also be granted recognition.

5.1.2 The duration of such programme is the same. However, relaxation in duration may be granted if there is 80% credits of similar programmes in this University.

5.1.4 If the above conditions are met, the recognition certificate shall be issued to the applicant without referring the matter to the academic bodies.

5.1.5 If the conditions are not met, then the matter may be referred to the Board of Studies concerned. If there is no Board of Studies relevant or appropriate to consider the matter for recognition of a programme of study, it shall be presented to the Academic Council for consideration.

6.0 *Equivalency of Open and Distance Learning/Online Learning Mode Programme*.—6.1 Equivalency is granted to an open and distance learning/Online Learning Mode Programme if it meets the following conditions:

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6.1.1 The programme of study is done in a state/central/deemed to be/private University recognised by the DEC/DEB of U.G.C in all aspects

6.1.2 The Nature and duration of the programme shall be same as that of the corresponding ODL/Online Learning Mode programme of the University of Calicut.

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6.1.5 The UG programme shall be completed in 10+2+3 pattern and PG programme in 10+2+3+2 (or 10+2+5 for integrated programme) or longer duration pattern.

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6.2 If the conditions are not met, then the matter may be referred to the Board of Studies concerned.

6.2.1 There shall be 60 percent content similarity between the syllabi of the programme of other university and the programme of this university as verified by the Board of Studies concerned.

6.2.2 If the programme of study of the University has practical component, the other programme of study should also have practical component with a minimum of 60% content similarity as verified by the Board of Studies.

6.3 The Open Distance Learning/Online Learning Mode programme should be recognised by the Distance Education Council (DEC)/Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of U.G.C at the time of admission. The year-wise recognition status shall be verified through the official website of D.E.B/DEC of UGC. (Implemented vide UO No. 19166/2024/Admn dated 27-12-2024). 7.0 Recognition to Open and Distance Learning Programme.

7.0 *Recognition to Open and Distance Learning /Online Learning Mode programme*.—7.1 Recognition is granted to an open and distance learning /Online Learning Mode programme, if it meets the following criteria:

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7.1.1 The programme of study is done in a state/central/deemed/private university recognised by the DEC/DEB of U.G.C in all aspects or foreign university recognized by the Association of Indian Universities.

7.1.2 The duration of the programme of the other academic institution is the same or longer.

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7.1.5 The UG programme shall be completed in 10+2+3 pattern and PG programme in 10+2+3+2 (or 10+2+ 5 for integrated programme) or longer duration pattern.

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7.2 The Open Distance Learning/Online Learning programme should be recognised by the Distance Education Council (DEC)/Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of U.G.C. at the time of admission. The year-wise recognition status shall be verified through the official website of D.E.B/DEC of UGC. (Implemented vide UO No. 19166/2024/Admn dated 27.12.2024).

8.0 *Procedure for Recognition or Equivalency Certificate*.—8.1.1 The candidate shall submit a request for recognition or equivalency certificate in the prescribed form to the University, online or offline, along with chalan/receipt for having paid the fee as prescribed by the University.

8.1.2 In the case of online submission, the applicant shall attach scanned copies of the relevant regulations including pass/fail or grading criteria, syllabi and scheme of examinations and copies of mark lists and Degree or Diploma Certificate of the other university or academic institution where the programme of study was done.

8.1.3 If the request is submitted offline, then it shall be sent to the Registrar, University of Calicut along with the above attachments.

8.1.4 If the candidate has not completed the programme of study at the time of applying for recognition or equivalency, the request along with the above attachments, except copies of mark lists and Degree or Diploma certificate, shall be sent through the University or academic institution where he/she is studying to the University of Calicut.

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8.1.5 If the programme has already been granted recognition or equivalency to a programme of study of this University, the certificate will be issued to the candidate.

8.1.6 If it is not considered or rejected before, the application along with other documents shall be sent to the Chairperson to place it in the Board of Studies for consideration.

8.1.7 If the Board recommends recognition or equivalency, the same shall be presented to the relevant Faculty for consideration and recommendation. In case, the Board rejects, the reason(s) for such rejection shall be recorded.

8.1.8 If the Faculty approves it, it is placed in the Academic Council for its consideration and resolution.

8.1.9 If the Academic Council approves the programme of study as equivalent or resolves to recognize the same, then the certificate of such equivalency or recognition shall be issued to the candidate.

8.1.10 If it is not approved, the fact of such rejection shall be communicated to the applicant at the earliest.

8.1.11 If a request for recognition or equivalency of a programme of study of an academic institution is rejected, it shall not be re-opened until substantial change in the curriculum or other conditions for recognition or equivalency has been made by the corresponding academic institution or University.

8.1.12 In the case of professional programme, the academic institution or University awarding the Degree should have the recognition of the regulatory body concerned.

9.0 *Fast track Procedure for the recognition/equivalency of regular/ODL/OL/ Private programmes of study.*—9.1.1 If the candidate needs the certificate urgently for Regular/ODL/OL/Private programme of study, the following fast track procedure may be used.

9.1.2 The request for recognition/equivalency may be admitted by the Vice Chancellor if there is sufficient ground to issue the certificate urgently.

9.1.3 The request, along with the copies of the documents, is sent to the Chairperson of the relevant Board of Studies for consideration and remarks on whether the programme of study can be recognized or granted equivalency to a programme of study of the University.

9.1.4 The Chairperson shall form the opinion of the Board by circulation as prescribed in the statutes.

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9.1.5 However, the Chairperson shall give his/her recommendation within three days of receiving the request from the University.

9.1.6 After getting the recommendation of the Chairperson, the University shall send it to the Dean of the Faculty concerned for remarks.

9.1.7 The Dean shall consult atleast the Chairman of the Board concerned and members of the Faculty by email circulation to get their view on the programme of study.

9.1.8 The remarks of the Dean concerned shall be sent to the University within three days of the request for remarks.

9.1.9 If the Chairperson and the Dean recommend granting recognition/equivalency, then the same may be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for approval.

9.1.10 If the Vice Chancellor approves the recommendation of the Chairperson and Dean, the candidate shall be issued Recognition or Equivalency certificates within two working days.

9.1.11 The matter shall subsequently be reported before the Academic Council.

9.1.12 The University may levy a higher fee for such fast track recognition or equivalency certificate.

10.0 *Authority for granting recognition or equivalency.*—10.1 The Academic Council is the authority to grant recognition or equivalency of a programme of study.

10.2 The recognition or equivalency granted can also be withdrawn by the Academic Council if it finds that the programme of study recognized earlier is not on par with the programme of study of the University at the time of review.

10.3 If the recognition or equivalency so granted is withdrawn, such withdrawal shall be prospective and it will not in any way affect the recognition or equivalency granted earlier.

11.0 *Recognition of Plus 2 Programmes.*—11.1 The Plus 2 programme of the Directorates of Higher Secondary Education or the VHSE of the State of Kerala, CBSE and ICSE is recognized by the University and they are to be taken as the benchmark for recognizing Plus 2 programmes of other institutions.

11.2 Candidates who have done Plus 2 under Boards other than those mentioned in Clause 11.1 shall submit equivalency certificate from the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education or the

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VHSE of the State of Kerala, CBSE or ICSE. School Level Programmes approved by AIU are recognised for UG admission under this University.

11.4 Senior Secondary Examination of NIOS can be recognized by the University, if the candidate has passed the course with a minimum of five subjects, out of which one should be English.

16.0 *Recognition and Equivalency of M.Phil programme.*—16.1 M.Phil programme done in compliance with the Guidelines/Regulations issued by the UGC/University shall be recognized by the University.

16.2 If M Phil Programme in the subject is offered by the University of Calicut, then equivalency may be granted if the conditions mentioned for equivalency in these regulations for UG/PG regular programmes are met.

17.0 *Recognition of Ph D Programme done in India.*—17.1 The Ph.D programmes of any Indian University recognised by UGC any Foreign University recognised by AIU (Association of Indian Universities) shall be recognized by the University if the Ph.D programme is done in compliance with the guidelines on Ph.D programmes issued by the UGC.

17.2 Ph.D programmes of national institutions like IIM, IIT, IISC, IISER, NISER, NIT and NIST shall be automatically recognized.

18.0 *Recognition of Ph.D programme done in Foreign Universities.*—18.1 If the Ph.D programme is done in an institute or University or any higher education institution outside India, then recognition may be granted to such a research programme if the research institute or the academic institution is listed in the Universities Handbook issued by the Association of Indian Universities.

19.0 *Grievance handling.*—19.1 A Committee chaired by the Vice Chancellor or Pro Vice Chancellor along with four Deans of Faculty may be constituted to receive and address grievances of candidates seeking recognition or equivalency certificate from the University.

19.2 One of the Deans shall serve as its Convener to oversee the process of grievance redressal.

19.3 The General and Academic Branch will receive such complaints and place them before the Committee for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

19.4 The Committee may refer the complaint to the Board of Studies concerned for reconsideration citing the reasons for the same.

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20.0 *Amendment*.—20.1 The Academic Council may consider any motion to amend or repeal these Regulations and resolve appropriately.

20.2 Any amendment to these regulations shall take effect from the date of resolution by the Academic Council unless determined otherwise.

(Sd.)

Deputy Registrar

Calicut University P.O. *(For the Registrar).*

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